



RESOLUTION

NAMING A PORTION OF THE HAWAII KAI DOG PARK AFTER ELAINE DOBASHI.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), states that in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof may be named for a deceased individual if the individual: (i) has a "significant association with the park, site, or facility"; or (ii) has "contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park, site or facility is located"; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to, on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth in ROH Section 22-9.5, by adoption of an appropriate resolution; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Hawaii to attend the University of Hawaii, Elaine Dobashi worked at Amfac, Inc., the law firm currently known as the Carlsmith Ball law firm, the Hawaiian Humane Society, and KCAA Preschools of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, as a resident of Hawaii Kai for over 30 years, Elaine Dobashi actively participated in forums such as the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board, involved herself in community issues, and initiated discussions with both public and private sector officials; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Dobashi was well-known for her passion regarding the care and well-being of dogs, all of whom she considered to be family members, regardless of whether they were her permanent pets or were temporarily receiving foster care in her home after being abandoned or neglected; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, noting the lack of a place where dog lovers could legally let their dogs run free without a leash, Elaine Dobashi founded Hui Ilio Hawaii, a local nonprofit "[d]edicated to promoting public dog parks, providing opportunities for dogs and their people to exercise and socialize in safe and friendly places, and to promoting responsible dog ownership"; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Hui Ilio Hawaii held the first annual Hawaii Kai Dog Walk in order to: 1) raise community awareness about the need for more dog parks on Oahu, 2) provide an opportunity for dogs and their people to exercise and socialize in a fun and friendly atmosphere, and 3) raise funds to support Hui Ilio's mission, which included the construction of the Hawaii Kai Dog Park; and



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WHEREAS, Hui Ilio Hawaii's annual Hawaii Kai Dog Walks have attracted hundreds of dog lovers from around Oahu and have raised over \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, with the money raised by Hui Ilio Hawaii, along with the donated preliminary engineering, surveying, and landscaping work secured by the organization, the City constructed the Hawaii Kai Dog Park, which officially opened for use in June 2008; and

WHEREAS, even after the completion of the Hawaii Kai Dog Park, Hui Ilio Hawaii President Elaine Dobashi noted that the group would continue to support the Hawaii Kai Dog Park as "Adopt-a-park" partners by recruiting and training volunteer park rangers to monitor the park and assist new park users to have an enjoyable dog park experience; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Dobashi never stopped advocating for the creation of new community dog parks, which she considered to be essential for providing opportunities for dogs and their people to exercise and socialize in safe and friendly places, and

WHEREAS, in addition to assisting other community groups establish dog parks in neighborhoods across Oahu, Elaine Dobashi actively advocated before the City Council for new dog parks, including testifying in favor of Resolution 17-98, "Establishing a Windward Oahu Off-Leash Dog Park," on May 9, 2017 (Miscellaneous Communication 2664 (2017)); and

WHEREAS, Elaine Dobashi, a well-known and well-respected member of the Hawaii Kai community, passed away at home on February 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Dog Park, located on Keahole Street, makai of the Hawaii Kai Park and Ride area, is a 2-acre grassy, off-leash dog park with shade trees, picnic tables, benches, a dedicated small dog enclosure for dogs under 18 pounds, human water fountains with spigots and bowls for dogs, and doggie bag dispensers; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that naming a portion of the Hawaii Kai Dog Park for Elaine Dobashi would appropriately recognize her decades of devoted community work and service towards the establishment and operation of the Hawaii Kai Dog Park, as well as her commitment to the Hawaii Kai community, advocacy for additional dog parks, and promotion of responsible dog ownership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that a portion of the Hawaii Kai Dog Park be named for Elaine Dobashi; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation is requested to collaborate with the family of Elaine Dobashi and the District 4 Councilmember to decide which area or portion of the dog park would be most appropriate to be named after Elaine Dobashi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage to indicate this honor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the family of Elaine Dobashi.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Wata

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAY 28 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 05/28/21 By: TOMMY WATERS Committee:

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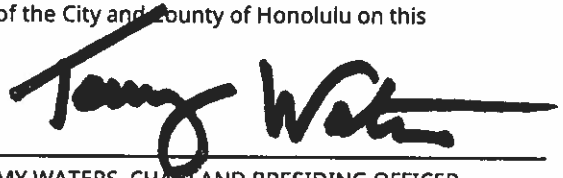
Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

05/28/21	INTRO	Introduced.
06/17/21	PCS	Reported out for adoption.
		CR-200
		4 AYES: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA
06/30/21	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.
		9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



 GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER